

**In the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Georgia
Brunswick Division**

TYLER BENNETT,

Plaintiff,

v.

WARE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT,

Defendant.

CV 224-142

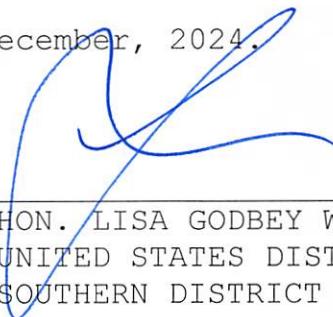
ORDER

Plaintiff Tyler Bennett initiated this civil rights action against Defendant Ware County School District on December 13, 2024, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, Brunswick Division. Dkt. No. 1. In the complaint, Plaintiff alleges venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 "because it is a district wherein Defendant Ware County School District resides or does business and where a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to [Plaintiff's] claims occurred." Id. ¶ 2; see also 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) ("A civil action may be brought in . . . a judicial district in which any defendant resides"); id. § 1391(b)(2) ("A civil action may be brought in . . . a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is

subject of the action is situated."). Plaintiff also states venue is proper in this Court "because it is the district in which the unlawful employment practices were committed." Dkt. No. 1 ¶ 2 (citing 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(3)).

Plaintiff is correct that the Southern District of Georgia is the appropriate district within which to bring his case. However, the complaint makes clear that Plaintiff's claims arise from his employment with Defendant, which is located in Ware County, Georgia. Id. ¶¶ 6, 9. Further, both Plaintiff and Defendant reside in Ware County, Georgia. Id. ¶¶ 3, 6. Ware County, Georgia, is located within the Southern District of Georgia, Waycross Division. Therefore, this case should have been filed within the Waycross Division. S.D. Ga. L.R. 2.1(a) ("All civil actions, not *in rem*, brought against a resident of one of the six divisions of this district shall be brought and tried in the division in which the defendant resides or in a division in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred."). Accordingly, this case is hereby **TRANSFERRED** to the Waycross Division. See 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) ("[A] district court may transfer any civil action to any other district or division where it might have been brought[.]").

SO ORDERED, this 17 day of December, 2024.



HON. LISA GODBEY WOOD, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA